

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1939

To the Chairman and Members of the

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1939.

SECTION A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Area of the District is 103,775 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 1939: 18,690 Mid-year.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books: 5,641.

Rateable Value of the District amounts to £201,331.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £830 17s. 11d.

The chief occupations are:—

Agriculture, limestone quarrying, cotton spinning, calico printing, bleaching and dyeing.

With the exception of limestone quarrying these occupations have no prejudicial influence on health. The high temperature of the kilns, the dust from the burnt lime, and the gases emitted in the burning, tend to promote bronchitis or bronchial trouble.

Muscular rheumatism, lumbago, and sciatica are somewhat prevalent among those who actually quarry the stone, due doubtless to the wet and cold.

VITAL STATISTICS.

			Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate ...		250	130	120	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 14.198.
„ „	Illegitimate ...		7	3	4	

Birth Rate (R.G. England and Wales): 15.00.

Still Births—Legitimate ...	13	5	8	Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still births 48.15.
„ „ Illegitimate ...	0	0	0	

Deaths from all Causes ...	225	99	126	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 12.04.
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Death Rate (R.G. England and Wales): 12.1.

There were 3 deaths from Puerperal causes during the year.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births: 11.11.

Death Rates of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 58.14 (England and Wales, 50).

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 55.78.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 142.86.

These are represented by a total of 15 deaths; 8 males and 7 females. Legitimate, 14; Illegitimate, 1.

There was no death from Measles.

There was one death from Diphtheria, one from Whooping Cough, two from Diarrhoea under two years and none from Scarlet Fever.

No unusual or excessive mortality occurred during the year.

No case of Small Pox has occurred.

SECTION B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Comprise :—

One Medical Officer of Health. (Part Time).

One Chief Sanitary Inspector and two additional qualified Inspectors.

This Department also deals with all new buildings, water supplies, sewage disposal, meat inspection, etc.

(ii). (a). LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All pathological and bacteriological investigations are conducted at Derby in the County Laboratories.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is supplied gratuitously in necessitous cases.

* (b). AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Cases of Infectious Disease are removed by the Motor Ambulance to the High Peak Hospital, Chinley, whilst the Red Cross Ambulance, together with an ambulance maintained by Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, serve for non-infectious and accident cases. The Boroughs of Buxton and Glossop also possess Motor Ambulances.

(c). NURSING IN THE HOME.

No provision is made for home nursing of Infectious Diseases. In most instances cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

(d). CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres	...	1 Chapel-en-le-Frith and 1 Hayfield.
Day Nurseries	... ..	None.
School Clinics	... ..	1 Chinley.
Tuberculosis Dispensaries	... ..	1 Chinley, Consultation and treatment provided by the County Council.
Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases...		None.

The Institution at Chinley is utilised by the County Council for school work and Tuberculosis.

(e) HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

1. Tuberculosis	... ..	Administered by the County Council.
2. Maternity	... ..	None.
3. Children	... ..	None.
4. Fever	... ..	High Peak Hospital. This comes under a Joint Scheme and serves Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural and New Mills Urban Districts.
5. Small Pox	... ..	This is treated, when it arises, in an isolated part of the Hospital.
6. Other	... ..	None.

The following Hospitals outside the District are available :—

Manchester Royal Infirmary.
Salford Royal Infirmary.
Sheffield Royal Infirmary.
Stockport Royal Infirmary.
Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.
Buxton and District Hospital.
Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, for Rheumatism and Allied Diseases.

The County Council undertake the administration and investigation of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than The Elms, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Public Assistance Institution).

No institutional provision for the care of mental defectives exists in the area.

District Nurses are maintained by the District Nursing Associations and are stationed at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Bamford, Hartington Upper Quarter, Chinley, and Charlesworth. These nurses visit the homes and render excellent service. In many instances they do much of the Midwifery work.

One Medical Officer of Health and four Medical Practitioners act as District Medical Officers under the Poor Law Acts and as District Vaccinators, and one Medical Practitioner acts as Medical Superintendent for the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

SECTION C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i). WATER SUPPLY.

The sources of supply are Upland Surface Water and Springs. Generally speaking, the larger communities are provided with a constant supply of excellent water from the reservoirs, not readily polluted. There are, however, parts of the District where water supply has caused much anxiety for many years.

PEAK FOREST.

In spite of many efforts no progress has been made in improving the water supply of this village.

CASTLETON AND HOPE.

In October, 1932, permission of the Ministry of Health was sought for the purchase of the Castleton water undertaking from a private company but sanction was not given by the Ministry.

On the 15th March, 1939, the following proposals were put forward at a Ministry of Health Inquiry :—

Link up Castleton and Hope systems by means of a 4 inch spun iron pipe along the main road ; a similar pipe line between the Castleton Reservoir and the inlet to the Hope Reservoir with a ball valve at the Hope end which is 14 feet lower than the Castleton end ; lining the Castleton Reservoir, and cutting off the collecting drains on the Castleton gathering ground at Brockett Booth except that from the Western side which will be improved.

The small storage tank at Fullwood Stile would be relieved but would still continue to serve a portion of the Hope area.

The combined storage of the two reservoirs would be 376,000 gallons. The dry weather yield at Jagger's Clough (Hope Supply) and the west source at Brockett Booth is 28,070 g.p.d., the population to be served being 1,350 at 30 g.p.h.p.d. equals a daily requirement of 12,430 gallons.

WATER SCHEMES CARRIED OUT.

BAMFORD WATER.

3-inch main extension from Mytham Bridge to the "Rising Sun" Hotel.

CHAPEL AND CHINLEY WATER MAIN RENEWALS.

Services and mains in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

HAYFIELD WATER SUPPLY.

6-inch main from Kinder Bank supply tank to Jumble—Balance Tank built at Morland Road with 3 inch main to existing supply.

(ii). DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage Schemes exist in the following areas :—

Bamford.
Castleton.
Chinley and Buxworth.
Chapel-en-le-Frith.
Dove Holes.
Hope.
Hayfield.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

BLACKBROOK. This flowing through Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, and on whose banks are erected Bleaching and Dyeing Works, is liable to pollution by the effluents.

RIVER GOYT. Is similarly apt to be polluted.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Constant endeavour is made to replace old insanitary types by the water carriage system.

116 Privies have been abolished during the year.
122 New Water Closets have been fixed.
16 Cesspools were repaired or cleansed.

No. of Privy Middens in use at the end of 1939	...	...	...	1,120
No. of Pail Closets	"	"	"	122
No. of Water Closets	"	"	"	3,888
No. of Trough and Slop Water Closets in use at end of 1939	...	...	...	65
Total	...	...	...	5,195

(ii). SCAVENGING.

In the following Parishes Scavenging is carried out by the Council :—

Bamford.
Chapel-en-le-Frith (including Dove Holes).
Chinley and Buxworth.
Hayfield.
Charlesworth.

In Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, the Council are employing direct labour and utilising a modern scavenging motor vehicle to undertake the work.

All the refuse whether from dustbins, ashpits, earth closets, or privies is removed to the tips.

(iii). SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

27 Houses were inspected under the Housing Acts.
460 Informal Notices were served.
14 Statutory Notices were served.
105 Notices were complied with.

(iv). SHOPS.

It was not found necessary to take any proceedings under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Nuisance from smoke has several times been discussed, but it was felt that interference was not justified.

A certain amount is inevitable in the industries of this neighbourhood; namely, lime burning.

(vi). SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are three swimming baths in the area all privately owned.

(vii). ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No occasion has arisen for action to be taken by the Local Authority for the eradication of bed-bugs.

4. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is on the whole good.

Eighteen of the Schools in the area are provided with Water Closets. Ten have pails or privies.

WATER. With the exception of Brandside, King Sterndale, and Peak Forest, all the Schools in the area have public supply.

Disinfection of Schools has been carried out in 51 instances.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

There are no offensive trades.

There are no underground sleeping rooms.

SECTION D.—HOUSING.

Housing made quite a big call on the time of the Department.

The Sanitary Inspector acts also as Building Surveyor.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	...	...	79
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts	...	...	10
(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	10
(2) By other Bodies or persons	...	...	0

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	262
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	642
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	37

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 33

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—

A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936; 1

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :— 1

(a) By Owners ... 1

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 12

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :— 12

(a) By Owners ... 12

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... —

D. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... —

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... —

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—PART IV. OVERCROWDING :—

(These figures can only be given approximately owing to the presence of many unofficial evacuees).

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 26

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 26

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 201

(b) (i) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 0

(ii) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 8

(iii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 55

SECTION E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). MILK SUPPLY.

A great deal of milk is produced in this district, much of which is sent to the larger towns. On the whole the milk reaches a good standard, though many of the cowsheds require structural alterations and improvements.

In the course of the year, many cowsheds have been inspected and notices have been sent to remedy defects and to bring the cowsheds and premises up to the standard suggested by the County Council. This is a lengthy and laborious task and difficulties arise in securing results.

Milk sent to the larger towns is examined by the Authority to whose area it is delivered.

There has been no refusal or revocation of registration of retailers.

(b). MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Inspection of Meat and other food supplies is carried out periodically.

No marking under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 is in force.

An arrangement has been made with an adjoining authority to utilise their Destructor plant for the disposal of condemned meat.

There are no public slaughterhouses in the area.

Visits were made at the different slaughterhouses.

Meat condemned as unfit for food:—Four Cow carcasses and offals, one beast's lungs, and one Pig carcase.

In my opinion, a thorough inspection of all animals killed for human food can only be secured by the appointment of an officer for the specific purpose. The Inspectors endeavour to carry out the work but pressure of other duties prevents adequate supervision.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

At the end of the year there were five registered and six licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

All the premises used for the preparation of human food are in a satisfactory state.

There have been no cases of food poisoning in the area. The Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act 1928 is administered by the County Council.

SECTION F.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

No cases of Malaria, Dysentery, or Trench Fever have been notified. No cases have occurred of locally contracted Anthrax or Psittacosis.

No case of Encephalitis Lethargica has occurred. There is no institutional treatment of after-cases of Encephalitis Lethargica.

The majority of Cases of Infectious Disease are removed to the Isolation Hospital.

There was no vaccination or re-vaccination under the Public Health Act 1927. (Small Pox prevention).

There are no facilities for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons.

Disinfection of premises or articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out systematically.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING
THE YEAR 1939.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	43	42	0
Diphtheria	11	10	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ...	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	3
Erysipelas	4	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	2
Pneumonia	7	0	6

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS.

Disease	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	Over 65
		2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
Smallpox
Scarlet Fever	1	4	4	20	10	1	3	...	...	...
Diphtheria	1	...	3	2	1	3	1	...	...	...
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)...	1	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...	...
Pneumonia	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	2
Malaria
Acute Poliomyelitis...
Erysipelas	1	2	1
Pneumococcal Meningitis
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Encephalitis Lethargica
Chicken Pox

CANCER.

In the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District the total number of deaths from Cancer is 38 (16 males and 22 females).

This as a percentage of total deaths represents 16.8% or 16.1% of male deaths and 17.4% of female deaths.

BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.

TUBERCULOSIS.

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 Year ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 to 5 Years ...	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
5 to 10 Years ...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10 to 15 Years ...	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15 to 20 Years ...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
20 to 25 Years ...	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
25 to 35 Years ...	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
35 to 45 Years ...	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
45 to 55 Years ...	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 65 Years ...	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
Over 65 Years ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ...	7	3	4	7	3	5	0	1

I am unaware of any Dick or Schick tests being carried out in the district and no immunisation against Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria is practised.

PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1925.

No occasion has arisen during the year to deal with any tubercular employee in the Milk Trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172

No cases were removed to Hospital under this Section.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COCHRANE,

M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

THE CLERK,

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council.

Surveyor's and Sanitary Inspector's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1939.

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH,

NEW STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

Total number of Plans approved ...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Total number of Plans disapproved	...	...	...	...	...	10
Plans approved for New Houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	34
" " " other Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	77
New Houses completed						
By Local Authority under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	10
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	69
Other Buildings completed	...	...	...	...	...	99
Drains laid to above	...	...	...	...	yards	2,895
Gullies laid to above	...	...	...	...	...	187
Vent Shafts	...	...	...	...	...	80
Inspection Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	106
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	128
Privies	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ashbins	...	...	...	...	...	71
Settling Tanks or Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	8
Intercepting Traps	...	...	...	...	...	5

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, ETC.

Houses Inspected. Housing Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Notices served under section 11 Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	—
Houses Demolished	...	...	...	...	...	3
Informal Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	460
Statutory Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	14
Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	106
Houses provided with rain water gutters	...	...	...	...	...	7
" " " improved light	...	...	...	...	...	26
" " " improved ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	14
" " " dry area round walls	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " " new floors	...	...	...	...	...	7
House roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	18
" windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
" chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
" ceilings renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
" floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
" rain water gutters repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
" walls pointed or plastered	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ranges and Fixtures repaired	...	...	...	...	...	9
Houses connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	183
Houses re-drained	...	...	...	...	...	83
New Drains laid	...	...	...	...	yards	1,832
Gullies fixed	...	...	...	...	...	115
Septic Tank and Filters built	...	...	...	...	...	3
New Vent Shafts fixed	...	...	...	...	...	33
Inspection Chambers built	...	...	...	...	...	45
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	32
Water Closet Cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	26
Downspouts disconnected, renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Yards paved or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	11
Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2

Cesspools cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Soilpipes or drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Sink waste pipes fixed or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Blocked drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Privies abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
New Water Closets fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Privies or Ashpits cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
New Dust Bins fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Accumulations of manure and filth removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Samples submitted for Analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Other nuisances or repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Houses Disinfected	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	52
	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	12
	Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	7
	Other Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Schools disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Slaughter Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Meat condemned as unfit for food: Carcase of a cow	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	436
Cowsheds cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Cowsheds provided with better light	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " " better ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " " increased cubic space	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds repaired or re-drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New floors laid to cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Cowshed floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manure Pits provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
New or Improved Dairies built	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cowshed walls rendered in cement	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Outside paving repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Mains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Blocked Sewers cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water main extensions	...	...	...	...	...	yards	438
Water main renewed	...	...	...	...	...	yards	1,053

T. DINSDALE,

Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

